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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 23rd November |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Provision of Flu Vaccine |

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| **STOCK AVAILABLE TO ORDER DIRECTLY FROM VIATRIS**Please see attached flyer for information |

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| Translation Services for Pharmacies |

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| **Translation Services for Pharmacies** With more patients being referred to community pharmacists for clinical consultations please can we remind you that your pharmacy has access to professional translation services.  Language Empire have confirmed they continue to provide interpreting services to all SW pharmacies.We would advise contacting them on bookings@empire-groupuk.com to enquire about bookings.The pharmacy interpreting contract is managed by england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net if you need to raise anything contractual.  |

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| Clinical Audit |

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| **National pharmacy clinical audit agreed for 2021/22**It has been agreed that the 2021/22 national clinical audit will focus on valproate, with the aim of reducing the potential harm caused by taking valproate during pregnancy. Completion of the audit is part of contractors' NHS contractual requirements.Community pharmacy contractors who participated in the 2019/20 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) may have completed a similar valproate audit as this was a quality criterion within this Scheme. The 2021/22 national clinical audit will be based on the PQS audit and will allow contractors to close the audit cycle by re-auditing their practice. |

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| **Dispensing Error Shared Learning - Expiry Dates**We have been made aware of a dispensing error and thought it would be useful to share to enable you to reflect on your own systems."A year’s supply of Desogestrel dispensed by a pharmacy in November 21 but medication issued with an expiry date of March 22. The same patient’s previous supply expired before their recent ‘pill check’ so was taking out of date medication."Please ensure you consider the total treatment length as well as being aware of the potential delivery of short dated stock. |

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| Evaluation of LFD Tests |

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| **Evaluation of LFD tests**In December, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will be sending some pharmacies, via Parcel Force, cartons of 15 combined COVID testing kits (**containing both a standard Lateral Flow Device (LFD) pack along with one polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test).**A part of ongoing assessments of LFD test kits, this evaluation involves citizens taking a PCR test alongside one of their LFD tests and sending it to a lab for testing. There is no additional work for pharmacy teams to complete. |

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| E-Portfolio Orientation Workshops |

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| **Health Education England Foundation Training Year E-Portfolio Orientation Workshops & Update in New Designated Supervisor Process**HEE Pharmacy Team members will be hosting E-Portfolio Orientation Workshops for trainee pharmacists, designated supervisors and educational leads. The sessions will provide an overview of the Foundation Training Year e-portfolio functionality and a Q&A section.These sessions are being offered across England. There is no sign-up process, to join click on the link below. |

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| New Designated Supervisor Process |

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| **Update in New Designated Supervisor Process** **If you have a new designated supervisor that needs access to your e-portfolio, please follow the following process.** * You must inform the GPhC of the change in designated supervisor as soon as possible so that your records remain up to date. You can do this by completing the [GPhC change of foundation training details form](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=673351565a&e=3e5221b889). You should submit this change form directly to the GPhC and email a copy to traineepharmacist@hee.nhs.uk for processing, we will add the new designated supervisor to the e-portfolio and sent out log-in details.
* Change forms are processed in date order of receipt and can take between 2-4 weeks to action.
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| [**GPhC change of foundation training form**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5746eab227&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Looking After Your Career – coaching**Following the success of the Looking After You Too and the Looking After Your Team national primary care coaching services, we are pleased to announce a new offer:**Looking after your Career.** Looking After Your Career provides an easy to access, individually tailored career coaching service for the frontline primary care workforce. It focuses on proactively supporting people with their career choices by providing opportunities to process experiences, develop career plans and develop strategies for self-management. The service is also intended to support the primary care workforce in increasing awareness and connection to the wider suite of resources and support offers available to them. |

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| Flu Vaccinations |

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| **Flu vac: updated PGD and national protocol published**NHSE&I have now approved the PGD and national protocol for use by community pharmacy contractors, meaning vaccination of these staff as part of the service can now commence.Contractors must keep a manual record of the number of primary care staff they vaccinate in the service and report this data each month on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal in a new module, which will be linked to from the main MYS flu vaccination module. PSNC has published a tally chart for contractors to use to keep count of the number of staff from each primary care setting that they have vaccinated. |

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| Pharmacy Opening Hours |

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| **Changing pharmacy opening hours in response to workforce pressures during the ongoing pandemic**Self-isolation requirements and a lack of available pharmacists (amongst other things) mean that short-notice closures/late opening/early closing incidents are continuing to happen, unavoidably, within the community pharmacy sector.Contractors unable to find a pharmacist to staff a pharmacy may still **seek** to use emergency provisions introduced at the start of the pandemic to reduce temporarily the number of hours or days that they are open. But NHSE&I must agree any contractor application to use the emergency provisions, even if this is done retrospectively. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| CPAF Questionnaire |

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| **Arrangements for full CPAF Questionnaire**The full version of the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire is now open for completion. Pharmacies may be invited to complete the full CPAF questionnaire if, for example, they did not complete the screening survey earlier this year or if there are concerns about the pharmacy relating to patient safety.The selected pharmacies will have until 28th November 2021 to complete the full CPAF questionnaire on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website. |

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| Accessing Advance Payments |

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| **Accessing earlier advance payments following changes to submission requirements**From November 2021, you can access their monthly advance payments around **20 days earlier** by submitting your FP34Cs using the MYS portal no later than the **5th of the month** following that in which supply was made. For the October 2021 dispensing month, contractors will receive earlier advance payments on 11th November 2021 (instead of 1st December 2021), as long as FP34C submissions are made through MYS by 5th November. |

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| BNSSG Pharmacies |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES - CHANGE FROM GENERIC TO BRANDED PRODUCTS**Local surgeries will be moving to use more of the following branded products in place of generic:                Besavar XL 10mg tabs (alfuzosin)                Galzemic XL 8mg, 16mg and 24mg caps and 4mg/ml oral solution (galantamine)                Epesri 250mg caps (ethosuximide)                Evacal D3 chewable tabs The LPC doesn’t support the use of Branded Generics, however we appreciate that the CCG has taken the time to inform us so that we can share the information with all contractors so they have time to adjust their stock holding. |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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| Avon is very lucky to have access to VirtualOutcomes online training, please have a look and make use of this valuable resource.  |

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| Inflammatory Bowel Disease Training |

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| VirtualOutcomes have now launched three modules to support pharmacies in understanding more about Inflammatory Bowel Disease.  Two of the modules (~20 mins) are to support registered professionals with their revalidation submission as they provide a stepwise journey through IBD and provide a number of key learning points. The third module looks to support pharmacy teams in understanding the condition and supporting patients who may wish to purchase over the counter medicines. All modules are supportive of CPCS and DMS as both of these routes see patients presenting with GI conditions. |

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| **Training** |

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| Hypertension Case-Finding Service |

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| **Hypertension Case-Finding Service**There is now 2 FREE online modules available to support you and your team to deliver this important new service. Module 1 is for the whole team including pharmacists and looks at the whole service  whilst Module 2 is for pharmacists delivering the service. |

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